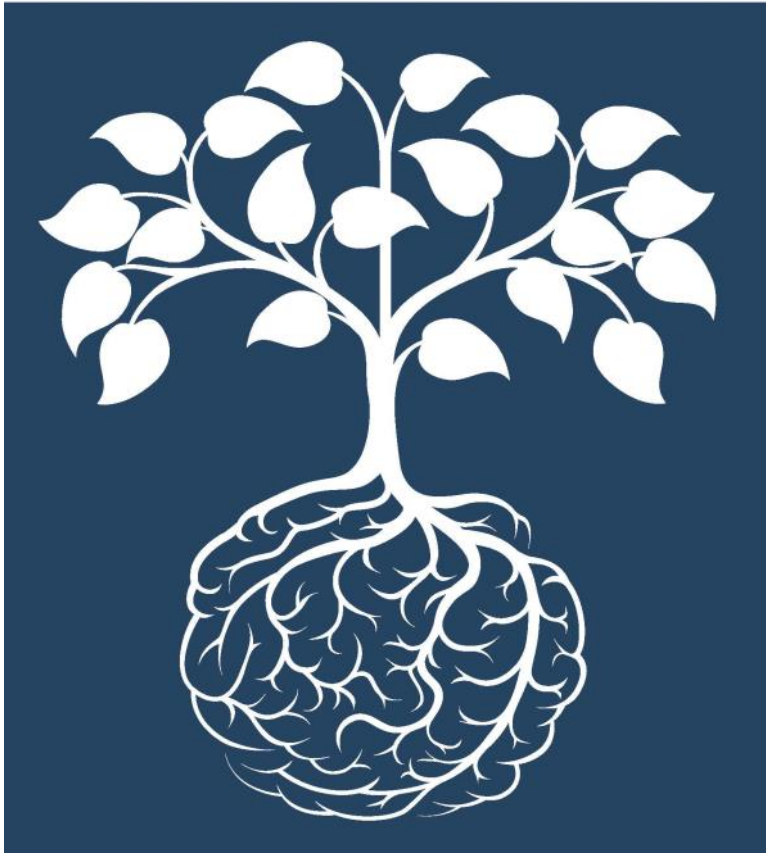


***Innovating Church, Sustaining Community:  
Rejects and Cornerstones  
October 4, 2020  
#BiggerBalcony***



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 4, 2020

10:00 am

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*Please sign in to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!*  
*<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>*

**PRELUDE**

“Reverie”  
by Claude Debussy

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Weasley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

David Weasley

One: When the world tells us that the strong prevail and the weak don't matter—

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

One: When pandemic and crisis breaks all our routines—

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

One: When we have a really solid plan for where all the stones go and don't go—

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

One: The parts of us we're not comfortable with, the people we'd rather avoid—

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

One: God, you call us to worship, all our parts and all our broken-ness—

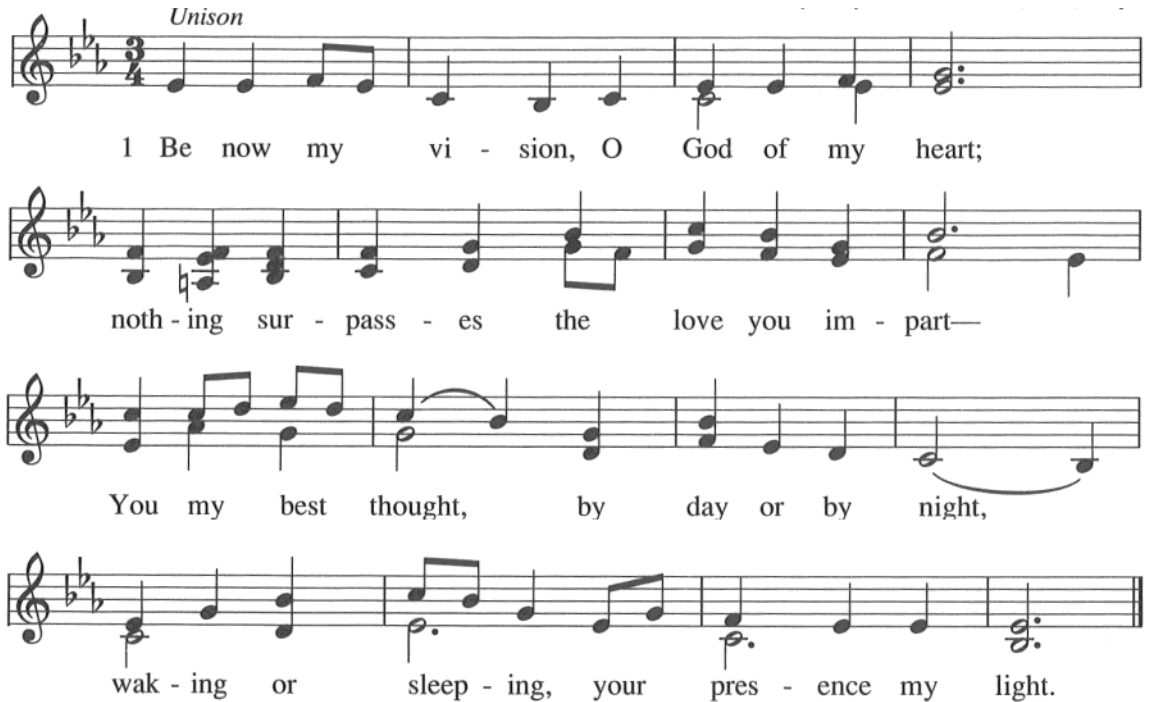
**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Be Now My Vision"

*Unison*



I Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.

*Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.*

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.  
Traditional Irish melody  
Harm. David Evans, 1927

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

David Weasley

**The Prayer of Jesus**

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:  
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

**Our Creator**

who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Neighbors in Need

**DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!*

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 21:33-46

New Revised Standard Version

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

One: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## "As We Gather at Your Table"



1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.  
 The Sacred Harp, 1844  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

**COMMUNION**

David Weasley

*Please use whatever elements you have available to you, and we will bless them together.*

**BENEDICTION**

David Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

“Partita in D Major”  
by J. S. Bach

Judy Widrig

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** We're not in the Sanctuary but we're still praying. Use the Contact form on our website, <https://fccb.net/contact-us/>, to send your requests.

**FULL CIRCLE BLOG:** Do you know about our blog? Visit <https://www.fccb.net/blog/> to see what you've been missing. And keep your eyes open next week for something completely different!

**FULL CIRCLE FORUM:** We've got a new place to check in, chat, and exchange information! Our Communication Board has been working hard to bring you the Full Circle Forum. Go to <https://fullcircleforum.net/phpbb/>, create your user name and password, then poke around to see what's there.

### WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

**WAYS TO CONNECT:** For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net).

- **Tuesday**
  - Book Club, **First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**
  - Bible Study for Everyone, **Tuesdays 9:00-10:00 am**. The reading for **October 6** is **Isaiah 25: 1-9** .
- **Wednesday**
  - Adult Forums, **6:30 pm**. September Topic: Authors In Our Congregation
  - Faith Formation for Children & Youth, 6:30 pm. *Six Vital Themes of Our Faith*
- **Thursday**
  - Poetry Writing Group, **1:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**
  - Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
  - Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
  - Coffee Hour, **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. 1:00 pm**
- **Saturday**
  - Create & Check In, **every other Saturday, 10:00 am**

*To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>..*

**Open and Affirming (ONA):** As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**We Try To Use Language** which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

**Technical Support:** If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

### **VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF**

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: [sharon@fccb.net](mailto:sharon@fccb.net)

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You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net) and she'll pass your message on.

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